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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Applicant : Stoneberg et al.
Filed : July 22, 2003
Serial No. : 10/624,924
Title : BEVERAGE CLOSURE WITH OPEN/CLOSE SPOUT
AND PROTECTED SEAL SURFACES
Docket No. : COC11-GN002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Applicant hereby requests the following preliminary amendment be entered for the above-identified patent application filed on July 22, 2003, having received no examination on the merits under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104: